

FINANCE

Senators Baucus, Rockefeller, Daschle, Breaux, Conrad, Graham, Bingaman, Kerry, Torricelli, and Lincoln.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

Senators Biden, Sarbanes, Dodd, Kerry, Feingold, Wellstone, Boxer, Torricelli, and Nelson (FL).

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Senators Lieberman, Levin, Akaka, Durbin, Torricelli, Cleland, Carper, and Carnahan.

HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

Senators Kennedy, Dodd, Harkin, Mikulski, Bingaman, Wellstone, Murray, Reed, Edwards, and Clinton.

JUDICIARY

Senators Leahy, Kennedy, Biden, Kohl, Feinstein, Feingold, Schumer, Durbin, and Cantwell.

BUDGET

Senators Conrad, Hollings, Sarbanes, Murray, Wyden, Feingold, Johnson, Byrd, Nelson (FL), Stabenow, and Clinton.

RULES

Senators Dodd, Byrd, Inouye, Feinstein, Torricelli, Schumer, Breaux, Daschle, and Dayton.

SMALL BUSINESS

Senators Kerry, Levin, Harkin, Lieberman, Wellstone, Cleland, Landrieu, Edwards, and Cantwell.

VETERANS

Senators Rockefeller, Graham, Akaka, Wellstone, Murray, Miller, and Nelson (NE).

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Senators Breaux, Reid, Kohl, Feingold, Wyden, Bayh, Lincoln, Carper, Stabenow, and Carnahan.

JOINT ECONOMIC

Senators Reed, Kennedy, Sarbanes, and Corzine.

INTELLIGENCE

Senators Graham, Levin, Rockefeller, Feinstein, Wyden, Durbin, Bayh, and Edwards.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

Senators Inouye, Conrad, Reid, Akaka, Wellstone, Dorgan, and Johnson.

ETHICS

Senators Reid, Akaka, and Lincoln.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, the Senate will now be in a period for morning business and will adjourn after that morning business until 12 noon on Monday. During Monday's and Tuesday's session, we will consider three Cabinet nominations with the votes to occur at 2:45 p.m. on Tuesday, unless we get an agreement for some change. Right now, Senators should expect recorded votes at 2:45 p.m. on Tuesday.

I must say early, so I will not be accused of not putting Senators on alert, already we are being squeezed on both ends of the week. Senators say: Please don't have any votes after Wednesday night. Oh, please don't have any votes before Tuesday night.

We are not going to be able to do that, and we are going to have to start on Mondays. We are going to have to have votes on Tuesday mornings, Thursdays and Thursday nights, too. I realize it is early in the session and we

are not under the gun, but we do need to get done as soon as possible the other nominations that have been agreed to so we can move to the last nomination and debate and vote on that one.

Those votes on confirmation at 2:45 p.m. will be Elaine Chao to be Secretary of Labor, Gale Norton to be Secretary of the Interior, and Gov. Christine Todd Whitman to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

I ask all Senators for their assistance. Senator REID from Nevada is here. I know he has been working on helping move these along, especially Governor Whitman to be Administrator of EPA. I thank Senators on both sides of the aisle for that cooperation.

DISCHARGE AND REFERRAL OF S. 21

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that S. 21 be discharged from the Committee on Finance and be referred to the Committees on Budget and Governmental Affairs, per the order of August 4, 1977.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I certainly support the leader's efforts to have us work a full workweek in the Senate Chamber. I do say we can really develop some bad habits. I know our leader has already been requested to see if we can get off on Wednesday nights. We really have to get started having some votes on more than 3 days a week.

I also say to the leader that we worked hard on this side, as I have indicated. There is a spirit of bipartisanship. I think that was helped yesterday with the meeting at the White House.

We really want to move these along, and the record should reflect, except for one nomination, Tuesday afternoon they will all have been completed. We hope in the foreseeable future we will be able to work the final one, debate it, resolve it. Hopefully, that can be done expeditiously.

We are willing to do the best we can. The record should reflect, with the remaining nomination, there are tons of questions. I know the committees are trying to work their way through that so we can have those answers so the debate can take place expeditiously.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, if I may respond to Senator REID's comments, with regard to the questions that need to be answered by the designee to be Attorney General, former Senator Ashcroft, this very morning we worked to encourage that those questions be answered as quickly as possible and gotten to the committee. Hopefully, that will be done today, and I under-

stand Senator DASCHLE, if that can be done, is going to work with us to see if we can move that nomination in a reasonable time next week. I appreciate that very much.

Senator REID touched on our meeting with the President yesterday morning. It was a bipartisan, bicameral meeting. I thought it was a very good meeting. Again, the President was reaching out to the Congress and to the American people through their leaders. That was the sixth meeting he has had with congressional leaders in only 3 days as President, or workweek as President. He did have Sunday.

It has been Republicans, Democrats, leaders on education, the elected leaders, but the thing I liked about it, it was not just an effort to reach out with platitudes of courtesy. We got into a discussion on issues, not in great depth, but Senators and Congressmen were able to raise points of concern and interest. I think there was a belief on both sides that it was a very positive meeting. I hope this is the first of many of that type in the months to come.

I will be glad to yield the floor at this time so others may speak.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, before the majority leader leaves, the one referral the majority leader made we just learned has not been cleared by Finance yet.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I thought it was routine business and thought it had been cleared.

ORDER FOR REFERRAL VITIATED

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the agreement be withheld, until we make sure it has been cleared, as always.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. CARPER addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware.

THE GUEST CHAPLAIN

Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I want to briefly thank Senator BIDEN for inviting Father Trainor to open this session of the Senate with the prayer that he has given. Senator BIDEN shared with us a story of his first visit here as a very young man, and his second visit, at 30 years old, when he was sworn into office, barely just old enough to take the oath.

When I think of his youth, the first time he stepped into this room as a Senator, and the first time I stepped into this room as a Senator earlier this month, I am so old, they named me a member of the Aging Committee. So there is a little bit of difference between his perception and mine. But I am delighted to be here and just